

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yoshihiro Hori, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7932
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCRYPTING DATA TO BE SECURED AND
INPUTTING/OUTPUTTING THE SAME

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 18, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.